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August 16, 2000

Mr. Daron R. Haddock
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RE: Findings for Waste Rock Amendment, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-AM00D, Outgoing File, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

As the Division is aware, Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) experienced a mine fire at its Willow Creek Mine on July 31, 2000. Because of this incident, PMC would like to put the waste rock permit amendment on hold, until it knows what the long-term plan is for the Willow Creek Mine.

Before the fire, PMC met with Mr. Bob Davidson on July 28, 2000, to look at the material and discuss any further testing necessary before Division approval can be granted. Because of this meeting, it was suggested by Mr. Davidson that we consider running the waste rock material through a crushing and screening facility, similar to what would be used on the site, and then do some further analyses of the product.

It was PMC's intent to request and receive permission from the Division to transport enough material (1 or 2 dump truck loads) to an off site crushing and screening facility to determine whether a commercial grade product can be feasibly generated. Nevertheless, this task has been postponed indefinitely due to the fire.

If the Division can place a permit amendment application in a holding or pending status, PMC would like the waste rock amendment filed accordingly until it knows which direction to proceed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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